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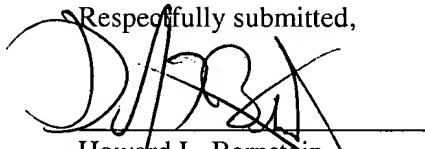
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-82722, published March 21, 2000.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-352007, published December 21, 2001.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-185653, published July 6, 2001.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-144245, published May 25, 2001.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated January 14, 2003 with an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cite such documents and indicate the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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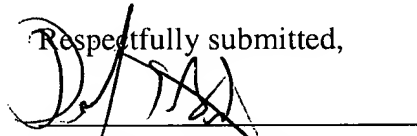
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